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1. The body is a well-ordered machine.

2. The body is composed of billions of cells.
3. Cells differ in the types of work they do.
4. A group of cells, all the same kind, that performs a particular kind of work, is called a tissue. Example: Groups of cells that transmit impulses back and forth from the brain to other parts of the body make up nerve tissue.
5. When different kinds of tissue are organized to perform a particular kind of work within a body, the tissues form an organ. Example: An eye is an organ that performs the function of seeing.
6. Organs of the body are organized into unified systems. Example: Each system performs a particular task for the body--the digestive system, which includes the mouth, teeth, tongue, gullet, stomach, intestines and many glands, performs the function of digesting food.
7. Although each system has its own special job, all the systems work together to keep the body alive and functioning properly.

### Objectives for the Human Body Unit

#### A. Understandings

1. To acquire a basic knowledge of the systems of the human body.
2. To appreciate the complex workings of our organs and systems.
3. To realize the need for taking care of our body.
4. To be stimulated to further study in the field of biology.
5. To promote scientific investigation and methods for finding the solutions to problems and questions.

#### B. Skills: The students who have participated in the various activities of this unit should have increased their skills in:

1. Interpreting information
2. Using various reference works.
3. Communicating effectively with others.
4. Using scientific tools and methods in research.
5. Comparing and analyzing information.
6. Giving oral reports--accurate communication.

### Introduction

Materials: Pictures of Vesalius  
Galen's Body  
Visible man  
Heart, reproduction, skeleton.

Plastic body with movable organs  
Works of Michaelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci  
Miniature skeleton

### Procedure

Begin by asking the class if they have ever heard of Michaelangelo or Leonardo da Vinci. After they have decided that these men were great artists show several of their works depicting the human body as a work of art. Then ask the class if they have any idea what these men might have to do with a science class. Explain that these artists could not draw the surface features of the body without knowing what was underneath. Use the following background material to impress upon the students how today scientific study (finding the answer to "why" by investigation), is encouraged, but in years long past curiosity was looked upon and treated as something criminal and sinful.

### Background Information

Legend has it that Michaelangelo, even though the crime was punishable by death, wanted to know what was under the surface of the human body so badly that he robbed graves to obtain bodies. Then, in the still of night, he cut them up and learned the secrets that enabled him to be one of the greatest sculptors and painters.

Just as Michaelangelo needed to know what was inside of the body of man, so did the physicians. From about the first century to the sixteenth, men of medicine followed the teaching of Galen, a Greek physician, who practiced in Rome (c. 130-200). His ideas were incorrect, but so dogmatic that they were believed. His misconceptions were due to the fact that his studies were primarily of dogs and chickens; dissection of the human body was forbidden in his day. (Show Galen's Complete System.)

Fourteen hundred years later, Vesalius (write name on board), came along. He was from Belgium and lived from 1514-1564. He was born twenty-two years after America was discovered. Vesalius obtained bodies from the municipal gallows outside the city, cutting them down while the city slept. (Show pictures of this.) With the aid of a trusted friend, he smuggled them through the town gates and across the deserted streets to his home. There, he did very careful dissections as a friend, an artist, drew what was found. It was their work that proved Galen wrong. Vesalius is known as the "Father of Anatomy."

### Conclusion

Explain to the class that today we no longer need to steal bodies to learn about them. Tell them that now we have pictures, graphs, models, books, and cadavers from which to learn. (Pass around the models and pictures.) Inform them that doctors have their own cadaver while they are learning to dissect the human body.

After the children have finished looking at the materials, explain that they are going to learn many things about the human body in the next weeks, and that many of their questions will be answered. For instance, "Is the blood really blue?" "Why don't we stop breathing when we sleep?" or "What causes goose bumps?" Finish the introduction by scheduling a tour for the class to visit the Arts and Science Center to meet Valentina, the transparent lady.

The Louisiana Arts and Science Center extends a warm invitation to you and your class to visit the Center often.

STUDENT ACTIVITIESGeneral

1. Be responsible for a bulletin board containing news articles on the latest medical advances.
2. Report to the class about the medical beliefs and practices of the ancient Greeks, Egyptians, and Chinese. Compare and contrast ancient practices with modern ones.

Skeletal and Muscular

3. Beef is the muscle of steers. With a pin, pick apart a piece of roast beef. You will easily be able to separate it into long, thin strands that are fibers of muscle tissue. Place a very thin muscle fiber under a cover-glass upon a glass slide. You will then be able to see that muscle tissue is made up of spindle-shaped cells.
4. Using the eye as an example, explain to the class the difference between voluntary and involuntary muscles. Use a poster or some visual aid.
5. Make a cardboard model of two bones moved by muscles. Use rubber bands to do the work of the muscles.
6. Bring in a Hallowe'en skeleton and report to your class on the various bones in the body.

Digestive

7. By using an experiment show how foods get through the walls of the small intestine. (Science Experiments Book 5, Singer Science Series, p. 142.)
8. Find pictures of the stomach. Look in encyclopedias and other books for pictures. Make drawings of the stomach when it is empty and when it is full. Read to learn how long food normally remains in the stomach. Report to the class what has been learned. Use the drawings as a part of the report.
9. Report to the class on the experiments done by Lazzaro Spallanzani and digestion.
10. Find out what part the salivary glands play in digestion. Report to the class. Bring a cube of sugar for each person to dissolve in his mouth to help the class understand the concept of chemical change of food in the mouth.

Respiratory

11. Make a chart showing how many times one breathes a minute. Use ten students--five boys and five girls. Record when they are at rest and after they have run fifty yards. Explain the difference.
12. Explain to the class how air enters the blood stream and carbon dioxide leaves the blood in the lung.
13. By experiment prove that you breathe out carbon dioxide.

Circulatory

14. Make a chart showing the number of heartbeats per minute of the following animals: hummingbird, mouse, rat, rabbit, cat, dog, sheep, pig, man, lion, horse, elephant.
15. Make a tape recording of your heart beating at rest and after you have just run for a few minutes. Play it for your class. If no recorder is available you may take your pulse and report to the class.
16. With the aid of a microscope examine a drop of blood and draw what you see. Report to the class.
17. Trace a drop of blood through the entire circulatory system. Use a poster to help the class follow your journey. Color the veins red and the arteries blue.
18. Read about Rene Laennec and report to the class about what was interesting in his life.
19. Using a diagram or model explain to the class how the heart works as a pump.
20. Get a beef, lamb, or pork heart from a butcher. Ask the butcher to leave the large blood vessels attached at the top of the heart. Float it in water to show how the valves work. Show this to the class.
21. Have each student in class count the number of "pumps" of their heart in one minute. Get a record of each and make a chart to show individual differences.
22. Report on the discoveries of William Harvey.

Nervous

23. Demonstrate to the class how the somatic portion of the peripheral nervous system works.

Reproduction

24. Make a chart showing the period of gestation for a mouse, rabbit, horse, man and an elephant. Now find a reference showing the average length of life of each of these animals of your chart. Report to your class on this.
25. Read to find out how various animals are reproduced and how the mother cares for her young. Collect pictures to show the class when you report on your findings.

Culminating

26. Relate some of the problems of space travel and the resultant stress on the human body. Make a report to the class on your findings.
27. Stage a short play showing how a great medical discovery was made.
28. Write a paragraph starting with "I would (would not) like to become a doctor because. . . ."
29. Look up the various functions of the glands. Make a poster showing pictures which depict the work of the different glands. (Example: a child crying; an athlete sweating.) Use the poster to report to the class.

THE SYSTEMS OF THE BODY:

WHAT THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DO

General Information

1. Name several ways in which the human body is like a machine.
  - (a) Both perform work.
  - (b) Each part has its own job.
  - (c) Parts work together to keep the body alive as machine parts work together to make it run. (Skin and paint protect, food and gasoline used as fuel.)
  - (d) If not properly cared for, both wear out and break down.

2. How does the human body differ from a machine?
  - (a) If a part of a machine breaks down it can be replaced but many parts of the body cannot be replaced. (A discussion here could take place about transplants, artificial organs and limbs, and so on.)
  - (b) Many parts of the body are continually being replaced as older portions die. (Hair, teeth, skin.)

The body can heal itself. (Broken bones, small cuts.)

3. Study the facts on cells and then state what percentage of each of the following is found in the human body.

|          |            |                |               |
|----------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Oxygen   | <u>65%</u> | Calcium        | <u>1 1/2%</u> |
| Carbon   | <u>18%</u> | Phosphorus     | <u>1%</u>     |
| Hydrogen | <u>10%</u> | Other elements | <u>1 1/2%</u> |
| Nitrogen | <u>3%</u>  |                |               |

(These elements combine in many ways to form thousands of compounds. Some compounds, such as vitamins, hormones, and enzymes, are present in extremely small amounts. But they are essential for good health, or even for life.)

4. What percentage of the human body is made up of water?

Water makes up 70% of the human body.

5. What is meant by the term "organ"?

An organ is a part of the body composed of several tissues which performs a certain specific function.

6. Name several organs of your body.

The stomach, heart, lungs and arteries are all organs.

7. Name several paired organs.

The lungs, eyes, kidneys and ears are paired organs.

8. What do we mean by systems of the body?

The systems of the body are comprised of several organs working together to perform a specific task. Example: the heart, veins, arteries, and capillaries work together to circulate blood.

Cells: The Body's Building Material

1. All living things are made of tiny units, called cells.
2. The human body is made of billions of cells.

3. These cells are microscopic in size. A drop of blood this big--o--contains 5,000,000 red blood cells and 5,000 white blood cells.
4. Cells are of many shapes.
5. A cell needs food and oxygen to live.
6. A cell gets rid of waste material.
7. The cells contain:  
water      fats      starch      calcium, bone cell  
protein    sugar      iron, red blood cells    mineral salts
8. Cells differ in the type of work that they do.
9. Some cells of the body manufacture and maintain the material that forms bones and cartilage.
10. Some cells change into non-living parts of the body. (Hair and nails)
11. A group of like cells that perform a particular kind of work is called a tissue. Groups of cells that transmit impulses back and forth from the brain to other parts of the body make up nerve tissue.
12. When different kinds of tissues are organized to perform a particular kind of work within a body, the tissues form an organ. An eye is an organ that performs the function of seeing.
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Suggestions to the teacher:

Each of these facts could be assigned to a group of students. Perhaps a pantomime could be arranged for the next day in class. This might be a good device to depict a certain cell's function. The class must guess which fact about the cell they are pantomiming.

AND/OR

Written fact sheets, posters, and oral reports could be made showing the work of cells.

## TESTS

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I. Today we no longer believe a statement to be true simply because someone says that it is true. We investigate, test, and draw conclusions before accepting it. This is the scientific way. Write "S" before those statements which are expressions of the scientific way of thinking and doing.

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- 2. Aunt Emma buries a bag of snails in the shade of an oak to help cure her hay-fever.
- S 3. Robert must spend eight years studying under trained men before he can become a medical doctor.
- 4. Mary shivered and her cousin told her that a rabbit must have run over her future grave.
- S 5. Vesalius examined the human skeleton very carefully and learned all the bones.
- S 6. Columbus believed that the earth was round and that his journey would prove it.
- S 7. Dr. Beaumont in 1822 persuaded Alexis St. Martin to become an experimental animal. In an accident St. Martin's stomach had been pierced and a permanent hole was left. Dr. Beaumont used this opening to observe the workings of a stomach.
- 8. If your mother ate rabbit stew before you were born you will be a fast runner.

II. Write true or false in front of each statement. If the statement is false, write the correct statement below.

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III. In front of the items in Column A place the correct letter from the items in Column B. Chose the one that best fits.

| <u>Column A</u>                                    | <u>Column B</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| <u>d</u> 1. Circulatory                            | a. Cell         |
| <u>b</u> 2. Stomach                                | b. Organ        |
| <u>b</u> 3. Ear                                    | c. Tissue       |
| <u>b</u> 4. Lung                                   | d. System       |
| <u>c</u> 5. Lining of the stomach                  |                 |
| <u>b</u> 6. Heart                                  |                 |
| <u>a</u> 7. Building block of body                 |                 |
| <u>d</u> 8. Digestive                              |                 |
| <u>c</u> 9. Group of cells performing special work |                 |
| <u>d</u> 10. Respiratory                           |                 |

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1. What makes up the skeletal-muscular system?

The system is composed of 206 bones and 650 muscles.

2. What are some of the functions of this system?

- (a) The bones support the softer parts of the body and give the body its general shape.
- (b) The bones help to protect the softer parts of the body.
- (c) The muscles help in movement.
- (d) The inner parts of some bones make blood cells.
- (e) Bones are the body's chief storage place for calcium, a chemical element very important to the sound health of the body.

3. If we had no ribs what would happen if someone bumped into us?

Our lungs might collapse or the heart become damaged.

4. What is the structure of a bone?

(Use cutaway view of a bone.) Dense outer material gives bone shape and strength made mostly of calcium and phosphorus.

Soft inner part, called marrow, is storage depot for fat.

5. Name some other bones that protect.

Spinal column protects the spinal cord.  
Bony sockets in front of the skull protect the eyes.

6. What is the cranium and what is its purpose?

The round part of the skull that encases the brain is the cranium.

7. What is the skull?

The skull includes twenty-nine bones that make up a human head.

8. How are the bones connected?

Two kinds of joints--ball and socket joint (shoulder)  
hinge joint (knee)

Cartilage--a kind of very tough, springy tissue which holds together bones that do not move.

Ligaments--thick cords of tough, stringy tissue which join movable joints.

9. How are the muscles attached to the bones?

The muscle is attached to the bone by a short, tough cord called a tendon. A typical muscle is thick in the middle and tapers gradually toward the ends. The ends of a muscle are attached to bones. One end of a muscle is anchored to a bone that the muscle does not move. This attachment is called the origin of the muscle. The other end of the muscle is attached to a bone that the muscle is intended to move. This attachment is called the insertion of the muscle.

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Voluntary muscles are the muscles that move the skeleton which we can move at will.

Involuntary muscles are the muscles over which we have no control such as the muscles found in the walls of veins and arteries, stomach. Goose flesh is caused by tiny muscles pulling hair erect.

11. Write a short imaginative descriptive paragraph on a body from outer space.
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The student may list these in a written or oral report.

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#### Skeletal - Muscular System

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  - 5 The muscles support the bones.
- II. Completion: Fill in the necessary word or words that best complete the following sentences.
  1. The [spinal][column] protects the spinal cord.
  2. The [cranium] is the part of the [skull] that protects the brain.
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  4. A [hinge] joint is the type of joint found at the knee.
  5. A kind of very tough, springy tissue that holds bones which do not move together is called [cartilage].
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  7. The [femur] is the name of the thigh bone.
  8. The [humerus] is the name of the upper arm bone.
  9. [Ribs] are the bones which protect the heart and lungs.
  10. [Pelvic] bones are found in the lower abdomen and are the base for the attachment of the leg bones.
  11. [Tendon] is a short, tough cord by which a muscle is attached to a bone.
- III. The following actions are controlled by muscular movement. Tell whether it is voluntary or involuntary. Put "I" for involuntary and "V" for voluntary.

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- V 2. You stand and stretch.
- V 3. My eyes follow a moving object.
- I 4. The pupil of my eye contracts in bright light.
- I 5. My heart pumps blood continuously.
- I 6. Food is moved from the stomach to the small intestine.
- V 7. I touch a hot piece of metal.
- V 8. Jane is the fastest runner in her class.

### The Circulatory System

1. What does the word circulatory mean?

Circulatory means movement around.

2. What is the function of the circulatory system?

It moves the blood through the body.

3. The organs of the circulatory system are listed below. Give the purpose of each.

Heart--a very efficient pump that moves blood through the body.

Arteries--carry blood from the heart to all parts of the body.

Veins--return blood from the body to the heart.

Capillaries--extremely small blood vessels connecting arteries and veins. (They lie close to almost all the cells of the body.)

4. What is the function of the blood of the body?

It carries food, oxygen and waste products to and from the cells of the body. Blood contains cells that fight disease and substances that repair cut or bruised parts of the body.

5. Why do the cells need food and oxygen?

They will die without these things.

6. About how many quarts of blood are pumped by your heart every day and how many times a day does your heart contract and relax?

13,000 quarts of blood every day.  
100,000 heartbeats every day

7. Of what is the blood made up?

The blood is made up of Plasma--the liquid part; red and white corpuscles, little bodies--the solid parts; Platelets--particles which cause clotting.

8. What are red corpuscles?

They are small disc-shaped solids in the blood that contain hemoglobin. The compound of iron helps carry the oxygen from the lungs to cells in all parts of the body.

9. Why is blood running out of a cut always red?

When hemoglobin combines with oxygen it turns bright red.

10. What is anemia?

It is the lack of red corpuscles.

11. What is the function of the white corpuscles?

Disease is caused by an over-abundance of harmful bacteria within the body, and it is the function of the white corpuscles to destroy bacteria. To destroy a bacterium, a white cell moves to the bacterium and then engulfs it. Once the bacterium is inside the white cell, it is digested.

12. What is the function of the platelets?

They are the particles in the blood that are responsible for clotting. Students may examine recent cuts to witness this action.

- \*13. The walls of the arteries are usually much thicker and more elastic than the walls of the veins. Explain this difference. When you feel a pulse, are you pressing a vein or an artery?
- \*14. The circulatory system is sometimes called the body's transportation system. Explain why this description is accurate. What are some materials carried by this system?
- \*15. The functions of the digestive, respiratory and circulatory systems are closely related. Explain how they function together in keeping the body in good working order.

\*These questions might lend themselves well to class discussions in depth.

### The Respiratory System

1. What are the functions of the respiratory system?

The system brings air into the body and removes carbon dioxide through the process of breathing.

2. Why does the body need air?

The cells of the body need oxygen, and the oxygen is obtained from the air. Energy is the combination of nourishment and oxygen.

3. How does carbon dioxide form in our bodies?

It forms as a waste product when foods are broken down.

4. What is the difference between external respiration and internal respiration?

External--is the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the lungs.

Internal--the intake of oxygen by the individual cells of the body and the release of carbon dioxide.

5. The organs of the respiratory system are listed below. Give the functions of each.

Nose--breathes in air.

Larynx--or voice box is the passageway for air to travel from nose to trachea.

Trachea--or windpipe is a tube which carries air downward. It splits into two bronchi. Each bronchus leads to a lung.

Lungs--oxygen from the air enters the blood and carbon dioxide leaves it through the walls of the lungs.

6. What happens to the carbon dioxide in the lungs?

It passes through the air passages and then out of the body through the nose.

7. How do the muscles of the chest and diaphragm aid the respiratory system?

They contract to enlarge the chest. The lungs are pulled out by the enlarged chest and the lungs suck in air.

- \*8. What is meant by the statement that gases are exchanged in the lungs?

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### The Circulatory and Respiratory Systems

- I. True-False: If the statement is false then write the correct statement. If the statement is true place a "T" before the sentence.

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- T 2. Since energy is a combination of nourishment and oxygen, when we run we need more oxygen; therefore, we breathe deeper.
- T 3. Carbon dioxide is considered a waste product in our bodies.
- T 4. The nose is one of the organs of the respiratory system.
- \_\_\_ 5. The respiratory and muscular system are not in any way dependent upon each other. False: the respiratory system is dependent upon the diaphragm, a muscle, to draw in air.
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- \_\_\_ 7. Harvey discovered the telescope. False: he was the scientist who discovered and wrote about the circulation of the blood.
- \_\_\_ 8. The same blood is never used twice by the heart. False: blood makes a never-ending circle through the body and the heart.
- T 9. The arteries help the heart move the blood.
- T 10. There is an exchange of gases in the lungs.

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| <u>Column A</u>   | <u>Column B</u>     |
|---|---------------------|
| <u>c</u> 1. Tube for carrying air                       | a. white corpuscles |
| <u>e</u> 2. Muscle which aids the respiratory system    | b. hemoglobin       |
| <u>h</u> 3. Gas formed as a waste product               | c. trachea          |
| <u>b</u> 4. Compound of iron needed to carry oxygen     | d. oxygen           |
| <u>d</u> 5. Gas needed by the cells to live             | e. diaphragm        |
| <u>k</u> 6. Liquid part of blood                        | f. platelets        |
| <u>g</u> 7. Lack of red corpuscles                      | g. anemia           |
| <u>a</u> 8. Cells in blood that destroy bacteria        | h. carbon dioxide   |
| <u>f</u> 9. Particles in blood responsible for clotting | i. hydrogen         |
| <u>l</u> 10. Principal organs of breathing              | j. red corpuscles   |
|   | k. plasma           |
|   | l. lungs            |
|   | m. liver            |
|   | n. gall             |

III. Please answer the following in complete sentences.

1. Explain the difference between internal and external respiration.
2. How is the respiratory system dependent on the circulatory system?

### The Digestive System

1. What does digestion mean?

Blood carries nourishment to the cells of the tissues. This nourishment comes from the food we eat. Food which we put into our mouths can not be carried by the blood; therefore it must be greatly changed. This process is called digestion.

2. What are the three functions of the digestive system?

- (a) It prepares the food so the cells can use it.
- (b) It absorbs the food into the body.
- (c) It eliminates any material that cannot be absorbed.

3. What is the alimentary canal?

The alimentary canal is a continuous tube about thirty feet long that is the main part of the digestive system. It is enlarged in some areas, the stomach, and coiled, the small intestine, in others. It extends from the mouth to the anus.

4. Below are listed the organs of the digestive system in the order in which digestion takes place. Give the function of each.

Mouth--opening and cavity to receive food.

Teeth--break and tear food into small pieces.

Salivary glands--pour saliva into mouth which moistens the food and starts digestion by means of chemicals called enzymes.

Esophagus--the passage for food from mouth to stomach.

Stomach--a storehouse for food which produces enzymes that digest certain foods.

Pancreas and small intestine--produce enzymes that break down foods into small particles.

Liver--produces bile, a liquid which contains certain waste products and chemicals that may help the intestine absorb fats.

Gall bladder--stores the bile until it is needed for digestion.

Small intestine--cells in the wall of this organ absorb the small particles of food. Blood carries this absorbed food to all parts of the body.

Large intestine--absorbs water from the material that can not be absorbed. This makes material more solid.

Rectum--moves the solid waste out of the body through the anus, an opening.

Activity suggestion:

Have cut-outs of each organ and an empty figure. Call on a student to come to the front of the class. The student is given an organ. He must identify it, tell what it does, and pin it on the empty figure in about the right spot.

## TEST

The Digestive System

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- T 1. Blood carries nourishment to the cells of the tissues.
- \_\_\_ 2. This nourishment comes from the air we breathe.  
False: It comes from the food we eat.
- \_\_\_ 3. The food we eat does not have to be changed to be brought to the tissues. False: It must be changed both chemically and physically.
- T 4. Absorbing food into the body is one of the functions of the digestive system.
- \_\_\_ 5. The alimentary canal is a straight, narrow tube through the body. False: It is enlarged in some areas and coiled in others.
- T 6. The trachea is part of the alimentary canal and is the tube which leads from the mouth area to the stomach.

II. In one sentence tell how each of the following aids in digestion:

1. Teeth
2. Salivary glands
3. Mouth
4. Pancreas
5. Liver

III. Arrange the following in order as they are used in digestion and tell what each does.

stomach, small intestine, rectum, esophagus, large intestine

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

The Urinary or Excretory System

1. What is the function of the urinary system?

It removes urea and other waste products from the body in liquid urine.

2. What causes the formation of waste products?

Undigested food, dead cells and carbon dioxide form waste products.

3. How do these waste products get to the kidneys?

They go from cells into the blood stream and the blood carries the waste products to the kidneys.

4. The organs of the urinary system are listed below. Give the function of each.

Kidneys--removal of waste products and water from the blood. Special cells in the kidneys return some water and other materials to the blood.

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It regulates the activities of all the other systems.

2. What are the two main divisions of the nervous system?

The central and the peripheral are the main divisions.

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The brain controls the functions of different parts of the body and controls activities such as appetite, emotions, memory, and temperature.

4. What makes up the peripheral nervous system?

The peripheral nervous system consists of thirty-one pairs of nerves that leave the spinal cord and twelve pairs of nerves that connect the brain with various parts of the body. These parts include the eyes, nose, ears, lungs, heart, and digestive system.

5. What does the somatic portion of the peripheral nervous system regulate?

It regulates muscles that move at will.

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Eyes--enable us to see.

Ears--pick up sound waves and give us a sense of balance.

Nose--is the organ by which man can detect odors.  
 Taste buds--respond to chemicals in food.  
 Other sense organs--respond to sensations of pain, touch,  
 heat and cold.

### The Reproductive System

1. What is the function of the reproductive system?

Reproductive system enables living things to reproduce themselves.

2. What are the cells in the female and male called that are concerned with reproduction?

Female--egg cells  
 Male--sperm cells

3. What happens when a sperm cell comes in contact with an egg cell?

The sperm cell is absorbed by the egg cell. This absorption causes the egg cell to begin to reproduce itself by splitting in two. This continues until the billions of cells form an embryo. Embryo is the name given to a baby during its first few months of development in the mother's body. Later, the developing infant is called a fetus.

4. How long does it take for a baby to be reproduced?

It generally takes nine months.

5. What is the uterus?

The Uterus is the organ in the mother's body which conceives, develops, and protects the baby until birth.

### The Glands

1. What is a gland and what is its function?

A gland is a group of cells working as a unit to manufacture some substance which the group itself does not use, but which the rest of the body needs.

2. How do the exocrine glands work?

The exocrine glands secrete their substances through small tubes to the skin or to the inner surfaces of hollow organs. They make tears, sweat, digestive juices.

3. Name several exocrine glands and locate them on a chart. Give the function of each.

Salivary--aid digestion.

Pancreas--aid digestion.

Lacrimal (tear)--make tears; cleanse eyes.

Sweat--air-conditions body.

Mammary--make milk to feed young.

4. How do the endocrine glands work?

They empty their secretions into the blood stream.

5. Locate the following endocrine glands and give their function.

Pituitary is near the brain just above the mouth and influences body growth and metabolism.

Thyroid is found at the bottom of the front of the neck and regulates growth.

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#### Urinary, Nervous, and Reproductive Systems and the Glands

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- a a tissue used by the digestive system.
- b a part of the circulatory system.
- (c) a group of cells manufacturing substances needed by the body.
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II. Matching: Choose an item from Column A that best matches an item in Column B. Place the letter before the statements in Column A.

Column A

Column B

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| <p><u>f</u> 1. A gland which influences growth</p> <p><u>d</u> 2. The body's air-conditioning gland.</p> <p><u>a</u> 3. Organ for carrying the unborn child.</p> <p><u>h</u> 4. Organ used for seeing.</p> <p><u>c</u> 5. Glands which secrete milk to feed the young.</p> <p><u>g</u> 6. Gland which secretes juices necessary for digestion.</p> <p><u>b</u> 7. Gland which aids the body in movements of stress.</p> <p><u>i</u> 8. Known as the body's filtering system.</p> | <p>a. Uterus</p> <p>b. Adrenal</p> <p>c. Mammary</p> <p>d. Sweat</p> <p>e. Pituitary</p> <p>f. Thyroid</p> <p>g. Pancreas</p> <p>h. Eyes</p> <p>i. Ears</p> <p>j. Kidney</p> <p>k. Liver</p> <p>l. Bladder</p> |
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A beginning history of medicine moving forward with the changing background of the life and times of each

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Adler, Irving, and Ruth Adler. Your Ears. Day, 1963. Pp. 48 illus. \$2.19, net.

The anatomy and physiology of the ear are portrayed clearly. Also, chapters on teaching the deaf to speak; on Alexander Graham Bell, teacher of the deaf; and on Helen Keller. (I)

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Vision is explained for the child in terms of the basic principles of optics, anatomy, and physiology. Includes information of visual aberrations and how sightless persons accommodate for their lack of vision. (I)

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Develops the child's understanding of his senses through words and pictures. Aliki captures the child's excitement in discovering different sights, sounds, tastes, smells, and feels. (P)

Asimov, Isaac. The Chemicals of Life. Abelard, 1954. Pp. 159 illus. \$3.00.

The human body is a complex biochemical machine. A noted biochemist has written this easy introduction to the chemical reactions that are essential functions of the body. The roles of enzymes, vitamins and hormones are described simply. (A)

Asimov, Isaac. The Human Body: Its Structure and Operation. Houghton, 1963. Pp. 340 illus. \$5.95.

First, the reader learns where man stands in the classification of living things, then, chapter by chapter, he is informed about the human skeleton, muscles, and the major systems: respiratory, circulatory, digestive, excretory, and reproductive. Written primarily for the layman and secondary school student, it has a place in elementary libraries for older students and for teachers. (A)

Cosgrove, Margaret. Wonders of Your Senses. Dodd, 1958. Pp. 64 illus. \$3.00.

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Ets, Marie Hall. The Story of a Baby. Viking, 1939. Pp. 63 illus. \$4.00.

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